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1. A method for comparison of documents found on a network interconnected with a plurality of information processing units and hub processing units, the method on an information processing unit comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a user search request on a concept of interest to a user;
 - returning search result items based upon the user search request; and
 - determining if a search engine is supported by a comparison system.
 2. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein if the determining step determines that the search engine is supported by the comparison system, then:
 - parsing the search result items by a result set manager; and
 - identifying the search result items and marking them by a result set manager.
 3. The method as defined in claim 2, further comprising the step of:
 - retrieving knowledge of a structure and content of the search result items by a result set manager from a database.
 4. The method as defined in claim 3, further comprising the step of:
 - passing marked search result items to a Graphical User Interface(GUI) / Event Manager.
 5. The method as defined in claim 4, further comprising the step of:
 - associating an event handler to each search result item by a GUI / Event Manager.
 6. The method as defined in claim 5, further comprising the step of:
 - displaying an enhanced search result item set in a display by a GUI / Event Manager.

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1 7. The method as defined in claim 6, wherein the display comprises a web browser.

1 8. The method as defined in claim 7, further comprising the step of:
2 initiating a user selection process and notifying an event handler; and
3 receiving a user selection.

1 9. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the user selection comprises a drag
2 and drop mouse selection.

1 10. The method as defined in claim 8, further comprising the step of:
2 receiving notification in the GUI / Event Handler with selected source and target
3 search result items.

1 11. The method as defined in claim 10, further comprising the step of:
2 forwarding selected source and target search result items to a downloader
3 component.

1 12. The method as defined in claim 11, further comprising the step of:
2 attempting to access and retrieve search result documents represented by the
3 selected source and target search result items by the downloader component.

1 13. The method as defined in claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
2 determining if retrieval is possible and if the retrieval is not possible then sending
3 an error message to the GUI / Event Handler.

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- 1 19. An information processing system for comparison of documents found on a
- 2 network interconnected with a plurality of information processing units and hub
- 3 processing units, the information processing system comprising:
- 4 a selection module for receiving a user selection request to select documents for
- 5 comparison; and
- 6 a comparison module for comparing documents for similarity.

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20. A computer readable program product for comparison of documents found on a network interconnected with a plurality of information processing units and hub processing units, the computer readable program product comprising instructions for: receiving a user selection request to select documents for comparison; and comparing documents for similarity.

1 21. The computer readable program product as defined in claim 20, wherein the
2 user selection request comprises a drag and drop mouse selection.

1 22. The computer readable program product as defined in claim 20, further
2 comprising the instruction of:
3 computing a similarity percentage for the selected documents.

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4 receiving retrieved search result documents in a comparison unit; and
5 beginning comparison of the retrieved search result documents.

1 24. The method as defined in claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
2 computing a similarity value for the retrieved search result documents; and
3 forwarding the value to a GUI / Event Manager.

1 25. The method as defined in claim 24, further comprising the step of:
2 generating a display graphic of the similarity value for forwarding to the GUI /
3 Event Manager.

1 26. The method as defined in claim 25, wherein the display graphic comprises a
2 Venn Diagram.